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The Honorable Colleen Kollar-Kotally
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

c/o Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice
601 D Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally:

I write this letter to express my concerns about the proposed Microsoft settlement.

I am a 17-year old high school student working on a merit badge for my scouting activities. My parents own some stock in Microsoft, and I have discussed the issue with them to help me better understand the issues before making up my mind concerning what type of letter to write.

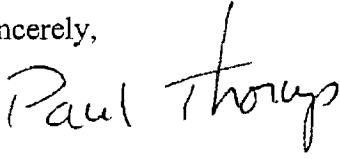
I am told that the Microsoft proposal is the result of court action in which Microsoft was found to be in violation of antitrust laws. I commend Microsoft for its ingenuity and creativity in bringing products to market, however, I believe Microsoft may have abused its market power to the detriment of its market competitors and consumers.

The courts have determined that Microsoft has violated antitrust laws. The only thing to determine is what should be done. My parents suggested to me that breaking-up Microsoft may not be in the best interest of its shareholders, however, from I have learned, the proposed settlement has many problems and may not prevent future violations. This would not be in the best interest of the shareholders either.

Please hold hearings to decide what remedies should be imposed, and do not adopt the proposed settlement agreement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Thorup". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Paul C. Thorup

cc: The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Utah Attorney General